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Male visitor dies while snorkeling

PRINCEVILLE – Kaua'i police report that a male visitor died while snorkeling in waters off Pu'u Poa Beach in Princeville on Monday morning.

He has been identified as Joseph Nesselroth, age 64, of Colorado.

Shortly after 10:30 a.m., Hanalei firefighters were notified of an unresponsive snorkeler being brought to shore on Pu'u Poa Beach.

According to a preliminary investigation, the man was snorkeling with his fiancé and a tour group when he became distressed approximately 20 yards from shore. His fiancé called out for help and bystanders nearby went into the water to respond. They brought the unresponsive man to shore, where they began administering CPR.

Once on scene, firefighters took over the effort but attempts to resuscitate the victim were unsuccessful. Responding medics transported the 64-year-old Colorado man to Mahelona Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

An autopsy is pending to determine the cause of death. However, foul play is not suspected.

Volunteers from Life's Bridges, a grief counseling service, assisted the man's family.

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